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DHS Responses to Open Records Requests in February 2013

On February 4 the department responded to a February 1 request by Mike Gaudette of Alora Healthcare Systems of Atlanta, Ga. Mr. Gaudette wanted a list of Medicare-certified home health agencies (HHA) that are enrolled in Iowa Medicaid. The list was sent to him. The enrolling criteria is that a HHA must be Medicare certified. HHA's are not licensed in Iowa. There was no fee.

On February 19 the department responded to a February 18 request by Molly Montag of the Sioux City Journal. Ms. Montag wanted the DHS child abuse assessment regarding the death of a child in 2011. Redacted DHS child abuse assessments in child death cases are public only on approval of prosecutors. The release of the same report was approved by prosecutors in the fall of 2012. There as no fee.

On February 20 the department responded to a February 18 request from Kara Helwig, business director of Community Living Solutions, Appleton, Wi. Ms. Helgig wanted a spreadsheet showing nursing facilities in Iowa and the percent of Medicaid residents for each. There was no fee.